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**PATENT**

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In re Application of :  
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Filed: March 08, 2002 : Examiner:  
For: OPTICAL DISK RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD :

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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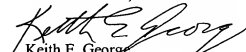
The relevance of each non-English language reference, if any, is discussed in the present specification.

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Attached to each non-English language reference is an English Abstract.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:


In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicant hereby claims the priority of:

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cited in the Declaration of the present application. A Certified copy will be filed in due course.

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